

On motion of Mr Bryan, a bill to incorporate the Brazoria county Insurance company, was taken up, read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Armstrong offered the following resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate that A. H. Cook, contractor, be required to attach the weights and pulleys to the windows of the Senate chamber, by the 26th inst.—adopted.

Mr Armstrong, by leave, presented the petition of the citizens of Bosque county—referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, a bill for the relief of Saml. Rowe, together with the Report of the committee on Indian affairs, offering a substitute therefor, was taken up and read ; substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, the rule was suspended ; bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Wren, a bill for the relief of Jesse Dean was taken up—read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Wren, the rule was suspended ; bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Scott, a bill to provide for the investment of the special school fund in bonds of Railroad companies, incorporated by the State, was taken up and read.

Mr Armstrong moved to lay the bill on the table until the 1st day of January next—lost.

Mr Martin offered the following amendment :

Strike out "16 sections," in the 4th line of 12th section, and insert "20 sections"—rejected.

The bill was then passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Flanagan, Guinn, Lott, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Russell, Scott, Taylor of Fannin, Tritt, Whitaker and White, 16.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burroughs, Grimes, Martin, Pedigo, Potter, Taylor of Cass, Weatherford and Wren, 9.

On motion of Mr Millican, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 26th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday last was read and adopted.

Mr Guinn presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cherokee county, praying that John G. Graham, a minor may be allowed to transact his own business ; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Potter presented the petition of the President, Directors and Stockholders of the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr Palmer presented the petition of Jasper Hubermaker, guardian of the heirs of Christopher Coats; referred to the committee on private land claims No. 1.

Mr Peligo presented the petition of Robert S. White; referred to the committee on private land claims No. 1.

Mr Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to provide for Jury trials in the corporation courts of the various Town and City corporations in this State, and direct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage. The committee believe that such a law is necessary in order to the proper administration of Justice by corporation courts. The constitution of the State Art. 4. Sec. 19, provides that "in all cases where Justices of the Peace, or other Judicial officers of inferior tribunals, shall have jurisdiction, in the trial of cases, where the penalty for the violation of a law is fine or imprisonment (except in cases of contempt,) the accused shall have the right to a trial by Jury." It would appear from this and other provisions, that it was the intention of the framers of the constitution, that the right to a trial by jury should be held sacred in all penal cases, yet there is no law authorizing corporation courts to call a jury.

Mr Armsong introduced a bill to create the county of Palo Pinto, read 1st and 2d time and referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries; also a bill for the relief of Elijah B. Thomas, read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on private land claims No. 2.

Mr Peligo introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of William Bunch dec'd, read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on private land claims No. 2.

Mr White introduced a bill to incorporate Payne Female Institute, read 1st and 2d times and referred to the committee on Education.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill, supplementary to an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, read 1st and 2d times, and on motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill authorizing Willison M. Lee and others to construct a Bridge across the East fork of Trinity river, at or near Lee's Ferry, read 3d time and passed by the following vote: 27

YEAS.—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Lou, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Russell, Seaborough, Taylor of Cass, Truit, Whitaker, and White, —18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bryan, Burroughs, Weathersford, and Wren, —4.

A bill to amend the act of Feb'y 5th 1841, entitled "an act of limitations"—read 3d time.

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay the bill on the table.—lost.

The bill was then passed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Cherokee county for the relief of John G. Graham, reported a bill, recommending its passage.

A bill to allow John G. Graham to transact business and make binding contracts in his own name—read first time.

Mr. Potter chairman of the same committee, to which was referred a bill to incorporate Shawnee Lodge No. 15, of I. O. O. F., returned the same to the Senate with an amendment, recommending the adoption of the amendment and the passage of the bill.

Amendment. At the end of the first section, add provided that said corporation shall not own real estate of the value of more than twenty thousand dollars, at any one time.

Mr. Guinn chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed.

A bill amending an act supplementary to an act amending and supplementary to an act to incorporate the Henderson and Burkville Rail Road company, approved Jan'y 27th 1854.

A bill to incorporate the Harrison manufacturing company.

A bill authorizing the United States' Marshal of the District of Texas to use the jails of various counties of this State, for certain purposes.

A bill for the relief of the Galveston and Red river Railway company and supplementary to the several acts incorporating said company.